

Women's Group Meeting minutes October 15, 2022

The October meeting was attended by Carol Smith, Barb Wurfel, Lori Clark, Tori Pigott, Darla Tollefson, Joni English, Carol Rankin, Pat Nash, and Claudia Henning. Sending regrets were Nancy Scott, Carmen Richards, Lynne Parker, Maureen Latham, Shannon Youngquist, Mary Ghormley, and Mary Bishop.

Carmen took a break from her mitigation crew work to talk to us about the upcoming firehouse silent auction, bake sale, and pasta dinner on October 29th. She had some tickets available and can get more if needed. She invites everyone to come participate by eating, signing up for auction items, or by making or donating a dessert, bake sale item or auction items. All price ranges are accepted for items. If any one has further questions or would like to donate something contact Carmen.

The group decided, after discussion, to give Maureen the go-ahead to purchase an AED to be housed inside at the MOC. Maureen has done research on the different products and has been accepted for a grant price through AEDGrant.com. She will be in contact with them and also check on AED cabinets (which will be kept unlocked for emergency needs.) We will see if we can also house the special first aid kit and stop-bleed kit there as well. It is noted that we have a regular first aid kit, provided by the Metro, now on the kitchen counter for small cuts or minor injuries.

It has come to our attention that some ranch residents have hesitated to have a welcome visit, as they think they need to join the Women's group if they do. If you hear this, please let them know it is not true. They are told about us, and asked if they would like to receive the WG emails, and are welcome to join us, but never are pressured to do so. A shout out to our Welcome Gals (and Tim Nash who has gone with Pat at times) for the great work they do!

The "Chuck Wagon on SFTR" Fall dinner on November 12 was the major part of our conversations then, as we finalized some plans. So far we have 27+ reservations received with more coming in at the meeting. Barb, Carol S. and Claudia met earlier to see how many we could actually seat in the MOC for a sit down dinner. The maximum would be using 8 round tables with 8 per table and 4 rectangular tables with 8 each, for a total of 96 persons. Last year we had 60, plus we had the tables for food, which are not needed at the kitchen area this year. It is thought we would have the 12 total tables, but with less persons at each if the attendance is not maximum.

With this in mind, we have begun a list of persons willing to create a western themed centerpiece for a table. (need two more). We also are needing desserts made (could be cake, pie, brownies, etc) (need two more). If anyone is able and willing, please contact Claudia who is keeping those lists.

Set up and clean up will be done Friday, Nov 11 at 10am. Several have already committed to this - thank you! *We will not have a WG meeting on Saturday.*

Darla is checking out western themed name tags to purchase; Barb will be at the greeter table; Claudia has purchased the needed tablecloths; tableware will be provided by the caterer; Claudia will meet the caterer that Sat to lead them up to the MOC; Carol Smith will do the emceeing.

We decided to have several prizes and fun trivia and table competition, to go along with the theme (if you did not attend the meeting, I am not listing these specifics so it will be a surprise - a hint though, you are encouraged to wear western wear). Other decorations and suggestions were also discussed.

We are all looking forward to the event.

Darla said that before recent logowear sales and a few expenses, we have \$5,960 in our account.

Plans for once again decorating trees around the ranch with white lights for the holidays will be announced later.

The meeting was over at 11:30 so some could visit and get the food and tables ready as they hosted the Mitigation Crew for lunch, who were working around the MOC that day. The crew said how much the lunch was appreciated - thank you to those who helped in this!

Next meeting will be held December 10th, and will be a Christmas Party/pot luck brunch and gift exchange. More info will be sent out closer to that date, but mark it on your calendars now!

Minutes submitted by Carol Smith